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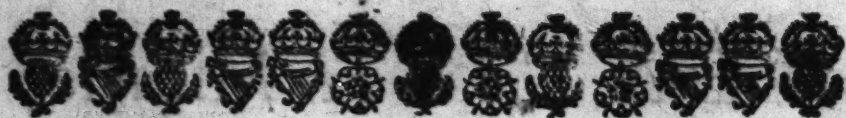
Or, a Seasonable Warning to all

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Shewn in

The wonderful Relation of one *Mary Moore*, whose Husband died some time ago, and left her with two Children, who was reduced to great Want: How she wandered about the Country asking Relief, and went two Days without any Food. How the Devil appeared to her, and the man great Offers he made her to deny Christ, and enter into his Service; and how she confounded Satan by powerful Arguments. How she came to a well of Water, where she fell down on her Knees to pray to God, that he would give that Verrue to the Water that it might refresh and satisfy her Childrens Hunger, with an Account how an Angel appeared to her and relieved her; also declared many thing that shall happen in the Month of *March* next; shewing likewise what strange and surprizing Accidents shall happen by means of the present War; and concerning a dreadful Earthquake, &c.

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NEAR the Town of *Maidstone*, in the County of *Kent*, lived one Mr. *John Moore*, who being a very good and godly Man, and having a virtuous Woman to his Wife, that had born two Sons to him, they both took great Care to bring them up in the Fear of God ; but as many times the People of God meet with the greatest Troubles in this unstable World, so it happen'd with this good Man; for his Substance decaying, and great Losses at Sea, he was at length reduced to a very low Condition, and put into Prison for Debt, where he broke his heart and died.

Now the poor Widow with her two Sons was in a very poor Condition, so that they could hardly get Bread to keep them alive; and finding that their wants increased daily, and seeing no Way to get a Living, she took her two Children, resolving to go and travel the Country, and cast herself upon the Charity of good Christians.

Upon which she took her Journey, and wandered about for some time, but found Charity very cold ; At last, having wandered about for two Days, and gotten nothing the Children being very hungry made such a sorrowful Lamentation that their Cries were ready to melt her Heart

and coming to a solitary Place, she sat down and wept, sorely; when to her great Surprize, there appeared, to her a most gallant Man, cloathed in rich and costly Apparel, with many Attendants about him. and upon his Approach to her he kindly saluted her, saying? ' Poor Woman, why art thou here, in such a melancholy Condition? thou seemest to be in great Trouble! Truly Sir, says she, I am in great distress, for my poor Babes are in a starving Condition, and I have nothing to relieve them withal, and their Cry is like to melt my heart.

' The supposed Nobleman replied, all thy wants shall quickly be relieved, and thou shalt have what thy Heart can desire, if thou wilt be ruled by me, for I am chief Captain to the Prince of worldly Delights, whose never failing Kindness bountifully bestowed on all them that will freely accept of them, and is always ready to relieve any that he sees in distress, if they will freely enter into his Service, his bountiful liberality is freely extended towards them, and he will afford them all the Profits and Pleasures that the world can produce. Therefore cheer up thy Heart and freely engage thyself in our Service, and Gold and Silver shall be at thy Command and thou shalt never know any more Want, and as for thy Sons, they shall rise to such Honours, and Dignity, that thou wilt for ever think thyself happy.

The poor Woman being in a great Surprize, knew not what Answer to make: but after some Consideration, she thus answered Noble Sir, (said she) the offer you make is very noble and generous; but who is that noble Prince you serve? and what is his Service; for I am but a poor Woman,

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was never brought up at any Prince's Court, nor am I qualified for such Service.

The supposed Nobleman replied, ' My Prince is most famous, and his Service honourable, for he allows his Servants to enjoy all the Profit and Pleasure that their Hearts can desire; therefore if you will engage yourselves in our Service, you must renounce the Christian Faith, for that is an abomination to my Prince, you must never pray to God, nor Christ, you nor your Sons must never go to Church, nor read in the Word of God but dispute against and confound as much as in you lies all that worship Him, you must declare to your Sons that his Service is only the Delusion of deceitful Clergy.'

The poor Woman replied, Of what Profit is the Pleasure of this World, to me, if I forsake the God of Mercy, cast his Laws behind my back, and become a Servant to the Devil that knows no Mercy, whose chief Delight is to deceive poor Sinners, and lead them to Destruction.

The supposed Nobleman replied, ' The God that thou speakest of has forsaken thee, and cast thee off for former Sins, and has left thee and thy Children to famish for want of Bread; therefore you must never expect any Mercy from him, nor think that he will regard thee, nor receive thee again into his Service.'

The Woman replied, the God that I serve is a Merciful and Gracious God, and altho' he may withdraw his hand for a time and leave poor Sinners under a Sense of his Displeasure, for former Sins, yet he will not withhold his tender Mercy for ever, but if they will seek unto him, he will deliver them out of all their Trouble, and will wash away all their Sins in the Blood of Christ, that was shed

shed on the Cross for the Remission of Sins thro' whose blessed Merits I hope for Mercy, and no doubt but God for Christ's sake will deliver me and my sweet Babes out of this Trouble, and will provide for us ; therefore I charge thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to depart from me, and tempt me no more, for I renounce thee and thy Works ; thy Service is detestible, thy ways lead to Destruction, and Hell is the Place for thy Servants, there to be tormented in Flames of Fire and Brimstone for ever: As for me and my Children, we will serve the Lord our God. At which the Hellish Company being confounded, and having no longer power to tempt her, departed in Flames of Fire.

And seeing herself left alone with her two Babes, she fell down on her Knees and returned God thanks for his great Mercy towards her, so arose and took her Babes by the Hand, saying, be content for the Lord will provide for you, and will send you Relief: And casting her Eye on one side spied a Well of Water, upon which she went to get a Draught of the same, and having given some to her Children, there appeared to her one in bright Raiment, and said to her, What does thou here ? She replied, Truly Sir, I came to give my Babes a Draught of this Water, not doubting but God that fed the Children of Israel Forty Years in the Wilderness with Bread from Heaven, can satisfy my Childrens Hunger with a Draught of this Water. The Angel (for he so was) replied, ' Blessed be thou Servant of the Lord and blessed be thy Faith, and as thou has believed so be it to thee, for great is thy Faith, and the Lord hath heard thy Prayers, and will provide for thee, and will relieve thy wants; turn thee round and take up that Stone, and thou shalt find something to buy Bread for thee and thy Babes: Upon which she went and took up the Stone, where she found thirty Shillings lapt up in a Paper these Words written, ' Blessed are all them that believe in God, for he will

• will never leave them nor forsake them; and Christ
 • died upon the Cross for the Sins of his People.' Thd
 Lord hath sent thee this to relieve thy present Necessity,
 and will greatly bless thee and provide for thee, because
 thou hast firmly believed in him.

Therefore continue thou stedfast in the Faith, for
 great and many are the Calamities that will happen
 in the World, because the Sins thereof are great, and
 many signs and wonders will be shewn from Heaven
 to certify that the coming of the Lord is at Hand to
 judge the world in Righteousness; there will be great
 wars and Rumours of wars in many parts, and this
 will be a year of great Blood-shed in many Coun-
 tries, and great Sickness, and Mortality will happen in
 some parts of this Kingdom; the Small pox Fever and
 Ague will prove very fatal, and there will be many
 signs seen in the Air, and great Earthquakes in Spain,
 and Italy, which will do great Damage, and great
 Confusion will happen in those Lnds, and there will
 be many signs and wonders in the Turks dominions
 that will convince them that their Mahomet is an Im-
 possor, and that it is by the name of Christ Jesus
 that all Flesh must be saved.

Let Britain repent of her Sins, and seek the Lord,
 for great is his love towards her, and he will deliver
 her from all her Enemies, and make her fame famous
 among all Nations, and many will court her favour;
 therefore go thou and declare these Things to three
 faithful Divines, and let them be published to the
 world, and blessed are they that hear and believe, for
 the Lord will greatly bless them, and deliver them
 in Time of temptation and trouble.

She replied, But what if they will not believe me
 When I declare these things? The Angel said, if they

will not, let them come here this time To morrow
and they shall see a Miracle.

Upon which the Angel disappeared, and the women went and declared all that happened, and three Divines thinking fit to go to the place to prove what she had declared, went with her where the Angel appeared in a most glorious Manner; Mr. Chambers Minister laying, In the name of the Lord, what art thou? The Angel replied, I am the Messenger of God sent to warn you to repent, before he stretch his hand too heavy upon you, and to certify you what has been declared to you will certainly come to pass in a very short time. The Minister said what sign dost thou show to certify thesethings? Upon which the Angel replied with a loud Voice, cried, Lord shew them a further Miracle, for they are faithless and unbelieving. Whereupon there appeared twelve more Angels with glorious Crowns of Gold, upon their Heads, singing Hallelujahs, and saying, Honour and Glory, Majesty, Dominion and Power to him that sitteth upon the Throne, and to the Lord Jesus Christ, for thou art true and faithful, and thy word will not return unto thee void; blessed are they that believe and see not; for what hath been declared here, will shortly come to pass: Therefore O Britain repent of thy Sins, and thou shalt be greatly in the Favour of the Lord and he will do great Things for thee, and then they all vanished away with a heavenly Melody, while the three Divines in a great Surprise returned home with the woman, and further to certify the same they have hereunto set their hands

October 2.

The Rev. Mr. Chalmers,	} Ministers.
The Rev. Mr. Harrison	
The Rev. Mr. Dickson.	

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